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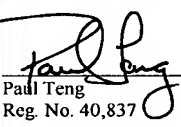
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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING IMAGE AND AUDIO INFORMATION, IMAGE
AND AUDIO PROCESSING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The Zandi (GB 2 303 031 A), Taubman and Xu references listed in the Form PTO-1449 were cited in an August 4, 2006 official Communication and Supplementary European Search Report from the European Patent Office (EPO) in connection with a corresponding European application. A copy of the August 4, 2006 EPO Communication and Supplementary European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

The remaining reference listed on the PTO-1449 was cited in an August 29, 2006 official action from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with a corresponding Japanese application.

A copy of the August 29, 2006 Japanese Official Action is also enclosed.

The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that these items are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.


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This Information Disclosure is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action on the merits has not been issued in this application.

Alternatively, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). Each item of information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior hereto. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement.

However, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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